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SOVIETS CARRY ON OPEN SMUGGLING;
CHINA TRADE REVIVING

SOVIET TRADERS SMUGGLE GOODS TO CANTON -- Hong Kong Kung-shang Jih-pao, 26 Jul 50

Canton, 25 July -- Since the retreat of the Nationalist troops on Wan-shan, speculative traders have been eagerly planning to set up trade routes with Hong Kong. Soviet foreign traders have set up a shipping company in Canton which purchases import goods and all kinds of commodities which traders cannot handle or which are banned from import-export. Cargo ships of the corporation operate between Canton and Hong Kong, passing the customs each time without inspection and without foreign exchange, virtually carrying on open smuggling operations. Some speculative leeches in trading circles have tied up with this corporation so that they can get their names on the corporation's list and then secure a share of the profits from each sale.

IMPORT-EXPORT TRADE RISES -- New York Hua-ch'iao Jih-pao, 8 Aug 50

Canton, 23 July -- A number of people in the import-export business report that their trade is increasing day by day. Import market transactions have risen tenfold in past months, representing a return to import conditions of January 1950. Although the official rate of exchange has twice been lowered since January, some things have increased. Tung oil and hemp have been the most active.

In the past 15 days, tung-oil exports have broken all records: estimates indicate that South China may have exported as much as 3,000 tons. But foreign prices continue to rise and, since the market is good, the price of tung oil has been jacked up in Canton and in the producing areas. Hemp transactions are also running well, but hemp prices have been falling because this is the production season and the yield is high.

HONG KONG-SHANGHAI TRADE REVIVING -- Hong Kong Hsing-tao Jih-pao, 29 Jul 50

Many shippers are reserving space in ships for cargo to Shanghai from Hong Kong in anticipation of the reopening of the former port to shipping. However, to date the situation there is not clear. The Butterfield and Swire boat, Hupeh,

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was ordered by wireless to return to Hong Kong after having gone part of the distance to Shanghai. It returned safely. A ship with cargo and passengers from Swatow has arrived in Hong Kong. The passengers are largely bound for South Seas ports.

SINO-POLISH TRADE PROMISES GROWTH -- Peiping Kuang-ming Jih-pao, 6 Jul 50

The recent treaty establishing trade relations between Communist China and Poland is already being implemented by an initial exchange of goods. A ship is on its way from China to Poland loaded with soybeans, oil seeds, tobacco, bristles, etc. A Polish ship is likewise on its way to China loaded with steel and other Polish manufactures. It is believed that this initial exchange is a harbinger of a growing trade in the future.

SOUTH CHINA HAS EXPORT SURPLUS -- Hong Kong Wen-hui Pao, 4 Jul 50

Since November 1949, the direction of the flow of import-export trade in South China has been reversed from an import surplus to an export surplus. During May 1950, the main exports were vegetable oils, livestock and their products, and textiles in that order of volume. The chief imports in order of importance were fats, paraffin and rubber, chemical products, and foodstuffs. This trend of foreign trade in South China is in line with the general trend throughout the nation.

HONG KONG-SOUTHEAST CHINA TRADE REVIVING -- Hong Kong Wen-hui Pao, 16 Jul 50

According to a report from a large trading firm in Hong Kong, trade between Hong Kong and the Southeastern provinces of China has been reviving recently. Large consignments of bristles, materia medica, and green hemp are arriving from points along the Canton-Hankow Railway. Bristles go to the US, materia medica to Japan, and hemp principally to the South Seas.

PEANUT OIL DROPS IN HONG KONG -- Hong Kong Wen-hui Pao, 2 Jul 50

Peanut oil in Hong Kong suddenly dropped 4 Hong Kong dollars a drum on 1 July. A large quantity changed hands at the lowered prices.

GUNNY BAGS SCARCE IN HONG KONG -- Hong Kong Wen-hui Pao, 2 Jul 50

The conflict in Korea has increased the demand in Hong Kong for gunny bags. The Indian government has cut its 1950 allotment to Hong Kong to one half of what it permitted in 1949. A brisk North China demand has appeared in the last few days. Buyers are offering up to 2.20 Hong Kong dollars apiece for them, but dealers, whose stocks are low, are unwilling to sell even at these high prices.

SHANGHAI TRADE PICKS UP -- Hong Kong Wen-hui Pao, 2 Jul 50

The liberation of the Chou-shan Islands has resulted in a revival of commercial shipping in and out of Shanghai, causing a change of attitude toward the future on the part of business firms in the port. A number that had suspended operations are preparing to resume activity.

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